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During Feb. 13th Elba City Council meeting

Pay raise announced for patrol officers

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba City Council continues to search for a contractor to possibly renovate a downtown square building to house the Elba Chamber of Commerce office, but during the Monday, Feb. 13, council meeting Mayor Tom Maddox said he was still waiting on another proposal before moving forward.

Maddox said he had received one quote on renovating the proposed property [old dime store building] on Davis Street, but that quote for renovations was more than the insurance funds available from the old Chamber building that burned. He said he was still waiting on one more quote from a contractor that had looked at the building.

"Hopefully, we can have something more concrete to look at by the next meeting," Maddox said.

He added that some additional options had become available to the city for the Chamber office, but he thought it would be best for now to wait and see what happens with the quotes for renovating the Davis Street building.

Upon recommendation of the mayor, council members voted to abolish the Abatement Committee. Maddox said that committee, which was established

in 2013, had not met or been active in quite some time.

He said it was originally established because the city did not have a code enforcement officer at the time, but there is a code enforcement office employed now.

The mayor provided updates on two economic development projects still being sought for the city. Using code names, he said "Project Sunbeam" is still moving forward with that company adamant in wanting to locate in Elba.

As for Project Viking, the council voted to enter an executive session to discuss a contract for that potential economic development project. Mayor Maddox indicated that he feels an announcement is on the horizon for this project, but the company wanted to wait

and make the announcement itself at the appropriate time.

In her report to council member, city clerk Sally Bane announced that hourly patrol officers with the Elba Police Department had received a \$1 per hour pay increase, and she said a company was set to come last week to inspect the levee gate on the Pea River bridge.

Also, Bane said the Putnam Street and Woodland Drive culvert repair projects were ahead of schedule. She added that water has been flowing very well again through the Putnam Street culvert.

City officials met recently with the architect on plans

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TWO-VEHICLE WRECK CLAIMS ONE LIFE...Emergency responders were dispatched Tuesday, Feb. 14, to the scene of this two-vehicle wreck on Alabama Highway 87, near the 49-mile marker [approximately 16 miles north of Elba in Coffee County]. The head-on collision occurred at approximately 4:25 p.m., according to authorities. As emergency responders arrived on scene they determined both drivers of the vehicles had sustained critical injuries, and two air ambulances were requested for patient transport. Two days after the wreck, Dennis Edward Murphy, age 70, of Opp, died from injuries sustained in the accident. He was driving the 2021 Volkswagen Atlas that collided head-on with a 2020 Ford F-150, driven by Jeremy Clayton Powell, age 44, of Brundidge, Ala. According to Alabama State Troopers, neither Murphy nor Powell were wearing seat belts at the time of the accident. Powell remains hospitalized receiving treatment for his injuries. The accident was investigated by the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's Highway Patrol Division. (photo shared by Elba Volunteer Fire Department)

2nd Annual Rumble on the River

Professional wrestling event returns to Elba High School

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Live action wrestling will return to Elba High School Friday, March 3, with professional TNA Impact Wrestling delivering the entertainment.

The 2nd Annual Rumble on the River wrestling event

will be Friday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m., in the Elba High School gymnasium.

"It was the best night of the year by far," said Elba City Clerk Sally Bane regarding last year's event. "I've already requested our ringside seats again for this year's event."

Bane said the wrestling event was highly entertaining, and she loved how interactive the wrestlers were with the fans, especially all the youngsters in attendance. She said it had to be one of the best events that has ever come to Elba.

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"My family and friends were very impressed with this group of entertainers also because they spoke of their Christianity throughout the event," Bane said.

"It was uplifting to say the least. I highly recommend that all come out and enjoy the fun this year."

Tickets for the 2nd Annual Rumble on the River are on sale now online at GoFan.co [just search Elba High School events]. Ringside tickets are \$20 each [there is a limited number available for ringside], and general admission tickets are \$10 each.

"Last year's event was phenomenal, but this year is going to be even bigger and better," Gilmore said.

"These guys mentioned are just a few of the awesome

wrestlers set to come to Elba High School this year."

Gilmore said these TNA Impact Wrestling events are 100 percent family-friendly.

There will be concessions available during the event also, including hamburgers, hot dogs, nachos, popcorn, candy, and Pepsi products.

Some tickets will be available for purchase the night of the event, Gilmore said; however, he said it is possible the ringside tickets could sell out prior to the event date since those are first come, first serve. Doors should open around 6:30 p.m. at the Elba High School gym on March 3rd, and wrestling begins at 7:30 p.m.

All proceeds from this event will benefit the Elba High School football program. For more information, contact Al Gilmore at (334) 744-5555 or call Elba High School.

NOTICE:

The "Happy Days Ahead" Mental Health Peer Support Group meets every Monday night at the Rabbit Hole, 218 Factory Ave., Elba, beginning at 6 p.m.

This is a safe, confidential space to talk, network and grow in recovery.

For more information, contact Rory Vignola on Facebook.



ELBA LADY TIGERS ADVANCE TO SOUTH REGIONAL FINALS...The Elba Lady Tigers bench cleared in celebration Monday afternoon, Feb. 20, at the Garrett Coliseum in Montgomery, Ala. as time expired on the game clock securing the Lady Tigers' 52-50 win over Leroy in the Class 1A girls South Regional semi-final game. With the win, the Elba girls next will face Red Level in the Class 1A South Regional final Thursday, Feb. 23, at 12:30 p.m. This game also will be at the Garrett Coliseum in Montgomery. Ticket for Thursday's game must be purchased at GoFan.co [search AHSAA, Montgomery, AL] and are \$10 each. Elba City Schools will be closed Thursday, Feb. 23, to allow all who wish to travel to Montgomery to support the Elba Lady Tigers.

Photo by BC Sports Photography

Coffee County Sheriff's Deputies speak about Project Lifesaver

If a person with Alzheimer's disease, autism, Down Syndrome, traumatic brain injuries or cognitive impairments should wander away from a caregiver, the Coffee County Sheriff's Office [CCSO] can track them through a program called Project Lifesaver.

Project Lifesaver was started in 1999, by Virginia resident Gene Saunders. Project Lifesaver has used radio tracking and locating technology to save the lives of more than 5,000 people who wandered away and became lost.

Project Lifesaver is funded in Coffee County by the Luncheon Pilot Club of Enterprise, and club members work with Coffee County Sheriff Scott Byrd and his deputies to make sure people who wander away in Coffee County can be found quickly and efficiently.

The CCSO is provided wrist or ankle bracelets equipped with a small transmitter that emits a signal that law enforcement officials can track when someone goes missing. The bracelets, batteries for the bracelets and necessary tracking equipment are funded by the Luncheon Pilot Club of Enterprise to make sure no one in the county who has



Shown in photo from left, LPCE President Brandy Woodham, Coffee County Reserve Deputies Calvin Bookout and Tom Iten.

a brain-related disease can wander off and not be found.

This is a free service for any caregiver of a person who has the listed diseases. When Project Lifesaver gets a request from a caregiver, the caregiver will be given a box and a bracelet.

Calvin Bookout, a Reserve Deputy with the CCSO, who administers this program, changes the wrist bands and the batteries in each bracelet monthly and keeps a log on each client. Bookout currently has 14 clients, and a 15th is to be added this week.

If a client wearing the bracelet wanders away and gets lost, Bookout has the

capability of tracking that person. It is all about finding a person missing as soon as possible, as that sometimes means the difference between life and death.

Statistics on Alzheimer patients indicate 60 percent of people with the disorder wander and become lost, 75 percent are repeat wanderers and 46 persons may die if not found within 24-hours.

Using the advanced special rescue techniques, Project Lifesaver has been instrumental in increasing efficiency of public safety agencies by reducing costs, saving valuable man-hours, and providing preventive help for persons in need.

Area Happenings

The Elba Chamber of Commerce and Southeast Alabama Works will host an ELBA Neighborhood Job Fair on Thursday, March 2, from 2-4 p.m. at Elba High School. This is open to the public. Space is limited to 25 employers. Register at: <https://seaw.me/ElbaJobFair2023>

The Evergreen Cemetery Board will meet Thursday, March 2, at 6 p.m. at Elba City Hall, 200 Buford St., Elba. This meeting is open to the public.

The Elba Lions Club will host its annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser Saturday, March 4, from 6-10 a.m., at the National Security Group Conference Center. A donation of \$5 per plate is requested. Dine-in or takeout.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"Books give a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and life to everything" – Plato

Former President Jimmy Carter, age 98, is in Hospice care at his home in Plains, Georgia following several medical issues that have hospitalized him in recent months. He reportedly said he wanted to be at home for his final days. Carter only served one term as president and disappointed many voters - well he disappointed enough Americans that he was not re-elected. Our parents were disappointed when we didn't vote for Carter the first time around and again disappointed the second time around because we DID vote for Jimmy Carter. (They thought he didn't do enough for the farmers). However, he utilized his position as a former president of the United States to really leave a mark on society. He and his wife have inspired millions to work on medical, housing and other public needs, and he remains a strong advocate for 'peace' all over the world, marking him as one of, if not 'THE' best former president, at least in modern times.

Our sitting president recently made a secret, surprise visit to war torn Ukraine. Politicians often make trips to these stressed-out areas 'to boost the confidence of the local residents', etc. It usually does that but at what cost? Wartime visits take soldiers from the war effort to protect the VIP. Following floods, tornados, and other disasters it delays relief workers in their desperately needed work, and increases security issues as well. It is hard to really know if these visits are worth the cost in such stressful times.

We talk about the next Presidential election is virtually about Republican candidates, with little mention of any Democrat candidate (if any) except President Biden. Of course that is probably because of former president Donald Trump and his announced plans of vying for another term and/or the potential Republicans who may, or may not, challenge him for the nomination. Probably the most interesting part right now is listening for the new nicknames Donald Trump puts on any person mentioned as a potential opponent in the presidential race. All that stuff prompts news reporting and keeps his name before the voters. It is also amusing to one day read editorial opinions about "Nobody can beat Trump" and the next day read an opinion from someone else opining that "Trump can't win". We have no insight that will clear up that set of diverse opinions and are sure we will be tired of the outrageous claims and counterclaims that will be heard between now and election day. It is going to be a l-o-o-o-n-g campaign.

We commented last week about the problems associated with gun control laws. During the weekend we read that the U. S. Supreme court has struck down many antiquated laws already on the books, some as long as forty/sixty years! Now some state laws that ban certain guns, domestic abusers from owning guns, removing serial numbers from guns, felons from owning guns, etc., are unconstitutional!

Be safe, wear your mask when appropriate, social distance, wash your hands AND get the shot(s) and/or boosters (the newest one)!



Dear Citizens of Elba,

I am grateful to have had the opportunity to represent this great city as Little Miss Elba 2022. We truly live in the best city. Thank you all for the love and support you gave me this year.

It is Always Great to Be an Elba Tiger,
Bella Bane
Little Miss Elba 2022



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It is Always Great to Be an Elba Tiger,
Zalie McKelvy
Miss Elba 2022

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2023, and Monday, Feb. 20, 2023, conducted the following activity:

Tuesday, Feb. 14 – Harassing communications reported to Elba Police (8:30 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 2885 Taylor Mill Rd (9:07 a.m.); Identity theft reported at 103 Adkinson Ave (1:37 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1560 Rees Ave – w/impound (2:11 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 5743 County Rd 410 (2:41 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 638 N Claxton Ave (4:21 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 638 N Claxton Ave (4:40 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in two verbal warnings.

Wednesday, Feb. 15 – Animal complaint reported at 1525 Jones St (7:09 a.m.). Eleven traffic stops resulted in five verbal warnings, two written warnings, and four citations.

Thursday, Feb. 16 – Animal complaint reported at 115 County Rd 367 – w/impound (9:28 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at Adams and West streets (2:33 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 420 Plant Ave (3:25 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 702 Newton St (3:32 p.m.); Two traffic stops resulted in two verbal warnings.

Friday, Feb. 17 – Traffic accident reported on Hwy 84 (9:58 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 990 Hwy 203 (4:42 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1740 Hwy 166 (9:41 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1110 Neil Grantham Dr (10:23 p.m.). Four traffic stops resulted in one written warning, one citation, one assistance rendered, and one verbal warning.

Wednesday, Feb. 15 – Animal complaint reported at 1525 Jones St (7:09 a.m.). Eleven traffic stops resulted in five verbal warnings, two written warnings, and four citations.

Saturday, Feb. 18 – Suspicious vehicle reported at Hwy 203 and Hickman Ave (11:14 a.m.); Report of shots fired on Boswell St (8:53 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one verbal warning, and one arrest.

Sunday, Feb. 19 – Harassment reported at 111 Guyton St (3:32 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 834 Washington Ave (4:31 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1131 Guyton St. (8:25 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at Farris/Martin Luther King Dr (8:58 p.m.). Three traffic stops resulted in two verbal warnings, and one citation.

Monday, Feb. 20 – Disturbance reported at 1229 Caroline St (12:02 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 203 (12:17 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 838 N Claxton Ave (3:23 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 6737 County Rd 410 (3:37 p.m.); Sexual assault/rape reported on County Rd 505 (7:11 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a verbal warning.



Cuzin Lou Lou's
Tales from Yonder

Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

It is not secret that Sister is a wee 'geographically challenged' but the extent of that challenge still manages to amaze Cuzin Lou Lou from time-to-time. A conversation the two had one day last week confirmed that once again!

Sister was explaining a situation to Lou Lou, and she noted that a person was spending time in either Cincinnati or Connecticut. Sister couldn't remember which was the correct place.

Knowing Sister's tendencies to get cities and states confused, Lou Lou tried to cut Sister off mid-conversation to clarify the difference between the two...

Sister, however, never slowed down in telling her story, and she followed up with, "Actually, I'm not sure if it's Cincinnati or Connecticut, but it is one of those 'C' states."

Yep...there it was. Solid proof as to why Lou Lou encourages Sister to never engage in geographic conversations without Lou Lou being nearby to check her data first!

When Sister told Lou Lou about the mishap later that evening, Lou Lou said, "Please tell me you are joking! You do know that Milwaukee is a city in the state of Wisconsin, right?"

Sister just looked at her and replied, "I do now!"

That was the day when Lou Lou told Sister she was no longer allowed to have conversations regarding geography with other if Lou Lou was not there to stop her from saying such things...unfortunately, it did not stop Sister from continuing to give Lou Lou plenty to laugh about when the two are alone.

As Lou Lou was laughing and shaking her head over Sister's most recent geography blunder – the "C" states, she decided that while Sister is extremely smart and talented in many ways, her elevator stops a few floors short from the top when it comes to geography. And, Sister had no choice but agree!

We won't even get into the time Sister wondered how in the world an Alaskan cruise could depart from Washington...yeah, the state of Washington never even crossed her mind. Instead, she was thinking of Washington, D.C.

It's never dull when Sister is around...that is for certain!

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

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2023 Miss Elba Pageants

2023 Miss Elba Pageants set for Saturday, Feb. 25th

The 2023 Miss Elba Pageants are set for Saturday evening, Feb. 25, and will be held from the Elba High School auditorium, beginning at 5 p.m.

Queens will be crowned in seven categories, to include: Future Little Miss Elba, Little Miss Elba, Petite Miss Elba, Young Miss Elba, Teen Miss Elba, Junior Miss Elba, and Miss Elba.

Also, during the pageants, the reigning 2022 Miss Elba Queens will have their farewell walks.

General admission is \$7, but visiting queens from the area will be admitted free of charge.



Aubrie Sims Future Little Miss contestant
Ava Astemborski Future Little Miss contestant
Elizabeth Johnson Future Little Miss contestant
Eva Claire Moore Future Little Miss contestant



Ella Harper Pugh Little Miss contestant
Harper Colins Hall Little Miss contestant
Kayleigh Smith Little Miss contestant
Olivia Grantham Petite Miss contestant



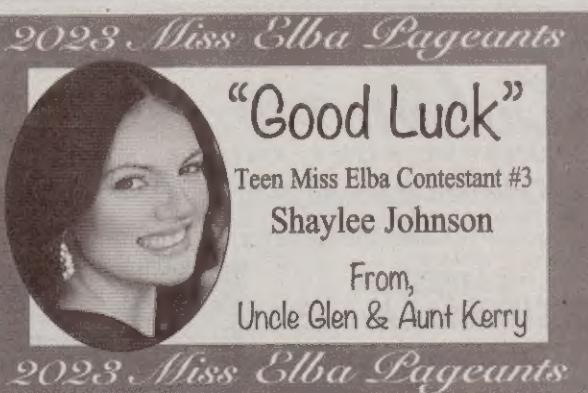
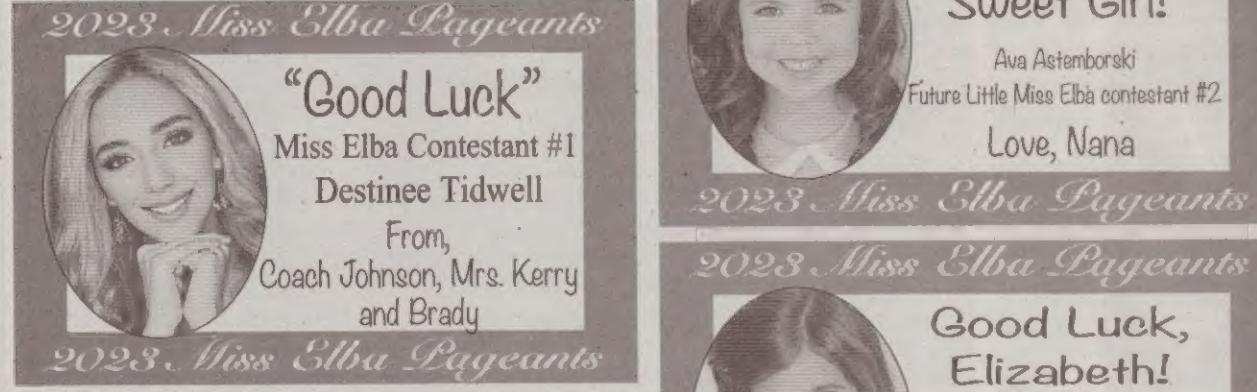
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Mary Elizabeth James Young Miss contestant
Hillary Hudson Teen Miss contestant
Shaylee Johnson Teen Miss contestant



Destinee Tidwell Miss contestant
Faith Adecock Miss contestant
Haylee Marie Tucker Miss contestant
Keelie Moseley Junior Miss contestant



2022 Little Miss Elba
You've Made Us Proud!
2022 Little Miss Elba
Bella Bane
We Love You! Dad, Mom, Powell & Jacks
2022 Little Miss Elba



2023 Miss Elba Pageants
GOOD LUCK!
Future Little Miss Elba Contestant #1
Aubrie Sims
Love,
Mrs. Kathleen and Family



2023 Miss Elba Pageants

2023 Miss Elba Pageants
Good Luck, Ava!
Smile Big!
Ava Astemborski
Future Little Miss Elba contestant #2
Love, Ma and Pa

2023 Miss Elba Pageants

2023 Miss Elba Pageants
Good Luck,
Baby Girl!
Future Little Miss Elba Contestant #1
Aubrie Sims
We Love You Always,
Ms. Jessica



2023 Miss Elba Pageants

2023 Miss Elba Pageants
"Good Luck"
Olivia Grantham
Petite Miss Elba Contestant #2
Love You!
Dalton & Colin



2023 Miss Elba Pageants

2023 Miss Elba Pageants
Good Luck,
Elizabeth!
Future Little Miss Elba contestant #4
We Love You!
Nana and Pop



2023 Miss Elba Pageants

2023 Miss Elba Pageants
You Got This!
Faith Adcock
Miss Elba Contestant #3
Love! Mom, Dad & Jude



2023 Miss Elba Pageants

2023 Miss Elba Pageants
"Good Luck" Bay Bay!
Future Little Miss Elba
Contestant #1
Aubrie Sims
Love,
T.T. and Quavo



2023 Miss Elba Pageants

2023 Miss Elba Pageants
"Smile BIG!"
Olivia Grantham
Petite Miss Elba Contestant #2
Love You Always!
Mom and Dad



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"Good Luck"
Ava Astemborski
Future Little Miss Elba
contestant #2
Love, Aunt T.T.



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"Good Luck"
Aubrie Sims
Future Little Miss Elba Contestant #1
Love,
Uncle Trey & T.T.



2023 Miss Elba Pageants

CHURCH & LIFESTYLES

PASTOR'S CORNER

by **Dwight Johnson, Pastor**
Elba First Assembly of God

Calendars. Years ago, I had them on my wall at home and my desk at church. Then, a little later, I started carrying one in my pocket. Now, all days and events to remember are on my phone. It's very handy, and easy to reference. But, at times I wonder: Is my calendar serving me, or am I serving it?

Calendars get full in a hurry. Places to go. Things to do. My personal concern, though, is: Does filling my calendar with the important crowd out the essential? Am I neglecting things I must do because of too many things that I think I should do? When that happens, we are truly serving our calendar. It is telling us what to do. It's time for some evaluation.

The most important thing we must do, even though it might not actually be on our calendar, is to spend time with God and his Word, the Bible. Even Jesus himself would often separate himself from his disciples, go to a private place, and spend time in prayer. If Jesus needed this regular time of spiritual recharging, how much more do we? We can't, in a spiritual sense, be like the person who thinks they can drive "just a little farther" with their low fuel light on. Living spiritually empty is far more foolish and dangerous. We absolutely must prioritize time with God, and stay spiritually full. As we do this, part of our spiritual time management should include time of saying nothing to God, and listening intently to him. We know how it is when someone does all the talking and none of the listening. Let's not be that person - especially to God. Talk to him, but listen also.

It is also essential that we spend time with our family. Children grow up and move out. The elderly pass on. As someone who has family on another continent, let me strongly urge you to find a way to spend quality time with your family. As I said earlier: Other things may be important, but this is essential! Your family is a gift from God! If there has been hurt, work as much as possible toward restoration. Believe God for relational healing.

Your church is essential, and making time for it is critical to your spiritual health. Yes, churches are imperfect. Yes, they have issues. But, they are designed by God to be places of healing and restoration. So, they will all have imperfect people. In fact every person in every church is imperfect. That's why we all need the healing that comes from our regular attendance, participation, and support. In Hebrews 10:25, the writer urged "...let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another..."

Check your calendar. Evaluate your calendar. What time are you giving God, your family, and your church?



Basin Baptist Church held a Mardi Gras themed winter social event last Saturday evening, Feb. 18, and Jeant and Bertie Boland were crowned the "King and Queen" for the event. The couple reigned over the evening's activities after receiving the crowns. Basin Baptist Church is located on Hwy 189 S in the Basin Community of Coffee County. All are welcome to come worship at the church - Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. with Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday, and Wednesday Night Bible Study starts at approximately 6:40 p.m. each week following choir practice.

Round and About

With Eria's Daughter
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Scripture: The end of the wise and the fool. Ecclesiastes 2: 12-26

Thinking of You! Praying for You.
Betty Refreege, Melvin/Annie Stallworth, Juanita B. Brooks, Tim Andrews, Shane Williams, Kelly Phillips, Larry Rogers, Yazmin McNair, Gene Culver

March Birthdays/Anniversaries
Melissa Margo Kelley 3/9
Kayawne Wright 3/9
Gladys Wright 3/9
Pavielle Reed 3/11
Jerry McMillian 3/12
Alfonzy Purvis 3/13 (in memory)
Tammy Tillis 3/13
Kenya Adkins 3/13
Michael A Smith 3/14
Marion/Joyce S. Jones 3/15
W.A.
Freddie Robinson 3/16
Jeraldene Smith 3/16
Paula Elliard 3/16

Question / Answer Section
Q/A for the Week of 2/23/23
Fill in the Blanks, Use Your Concordance

Q: Peter offered to forgive a person who sinned against him _____ times.

A: Seven [Matthew 18:21]

Q: Jesus said that the scribes and pharisees sit in _____ seat.

A: Moses [Matthew 23:2]

Q: Jesus asked, "When the son of man cometh, shall he find _____ on the earth."

A: Faith [Luke 18:8]

Thought to Remember
Don't give up: Pray - it works

A Look at Three Famous Baseball Players

Five-Tool Players

When looking for a future superstar, most baseball scouts seek players that excel in five facets of the game. Those five are hitting for average, hitting for power, base running, throwing, and fielding.

Such "five-tool players" are rare, however. In the history of the game, only a handful merit that designation. Willie Mays was one. A lifetime .302 hitter, he had 660 career home runs and collected 3,283 hits along the way. Mays was also a great base runner, stealing 338 bases. "Hammerin" Hank Aaron slugged 755 home runs, drove in 2,297 runs and stole 240 bases while posting a career .305 batting average during his career. Ken Griffey Jr. was named to his league's all-star team 13 times and won seven silver sluggers awards.

Other players fall into the five-tool category, but the

Vietnam Vets
Chapter 373 to meet Feb. 25th

The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 373 will meet Saturday, Feb. 25, at 9 a.m., at the Friends of Army Aviation Hangar in Ozark, Ala., located at 189 Heritage Way, in the conference room.

There will not be an optional breakfast at this meeting, but the meeting is open to members and those that served in the Republic of Vietnam (Feb. 28, 1961 - May 7, 1975) and ear veterans in any duty location between (Aug. 5, 1964 - May 7, 1975) interested in Vietnam veterans' issues.

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U.S.C. 2000D TO 2000D-4 and Title 49 code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of The Secretary, Part 21, nondiscrimination in federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color,

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The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.

JOHN R. COOPER
Transportation Director
2-9,16&23-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: The estate of JAMES CICERO HENDERSON, JR., Deceased.

Case No.: PC 2023-002

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATOR

Letters of Administration on the Estate of James Cicero Henderson, Jr., deceased, having been granted to Marsha Hudson, Administrator, at 200 Buford Street; Elba, Alabama 36323 and at the office of Southern Engineering Solutions, Inc., 201 East Troy Street, Andalusia, Alabama, 36420.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA IN RE: The Estate of Hubert F. Barbaree, Deceased

Probate Case No. P.C. 2022-26

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY EXECUTOR

Letters of Testamentary under the Will of said deceased having been granted to Pamela G. Barbaree as Executrix of the Estate of Hubert F. Barbaree on the 7th day of February 2023 by the Hon. Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

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Tom Maddox
Mayor
City of Elba
2/23-chg.

Letters Testamentary under the Last Will and Testament of said deceased having been granted to Betty L. Shiver, on the 14th of February, 2023, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Betty L. Shiver
Betty L. Shiver, Executrix
2/16,23&3-chg

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANNIE LEE SHAW, deceased

CASE NO. PC-2022-083

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our youngest grandson Cannon got a walker last week to help celebrate turning six months old and is already scooting around the house and learning how to put it in reverse when he hits a dead-end. I have already promised our oldest grandson Lawson he can have my pick-up truck when he turns fifteen. So, since Cannon is now driving himself I guess I may have to find him a set of not so big wheels.

For what is worth....

*** The Elba Lady Tigers continued their banner season last week and advanced to the south region tournament with a lopsided win over Georgiana. The Lady Tigers got off to a slow start in the win and had their fans a little worried at the half, but broke it open in the third quarter with their tenacious defense and coasted to the win. While their opening round south region contest will have already been played by the time you read this week's column, I am predicting they won the game and moved on to the region finals. This bunch of girls may be young and inexperienced in big game settings, but they play hard and I will be surprised if they don't head up to Birmingham next week to play for a state title.

*** The high school baseball and softball seasons began last week and it was a busy week for all involved. Here at Elba, the Tigers lost both their varsity and junior varsity openers on the road in Samson, while the Lady Tiger junior varsity competed in near freezing temperatures on Friday night and then played three games on Saturday in Ozark, and posted one win after dropping their first three games in walk-off fashion. Now that the seasons have started, the players, coaches and fans will be checking the weather on a daily basis to see what to wear as they head outside.

*** The baseball and softball teams in the area were also busy with tournaments and regular season openers. On the baseball diamond, New Brockton and Kinston both dropped their openers against quality opponents, while in junior varsity action New Brockton posted a couple of wins and Zion Chapel opened with a pair of losses. I look for all the teams in the county to field very talented teams, and will be shocked if all four area teams don't advance to post-season play. As for the girls, all the softball action was involving junior varsity teams last week and all the teams got in a lot of games. Brantley won three straight games at a round-robin tourney and appears to be as good as ever, while Kinston won four games and placed second at a 10-team tournament at Ozark, and while New Brockton lost four games at the Ozark event, the Lady Gamecocks played hard and will be just fine as they get in more practice and game action. It is true that none of the varsity teams have played yet, but after one week of JV action it looks like a fun season ahead for the girls.

*** In closing.... The Major League Baseball season is just around the corner and as of now the Atlanta Braves will be nowhere to be found on cable television. The Braves made a switch to Bally Sports last season with promises of riches, but the new network is now in bankruptcy court and it isn't looking good for their fans like me that enjoy watching games on a nightly basis. I have a feeling that the games will be televised, on a pay network, and that means I will have to find something else to watch, or maybe find a new hobby. I have known for years that one day all sports will be on pay only channels, and I guess that time is nearer than I thought. Maybe one day the news networks will be pay only, nah, no one would watch.

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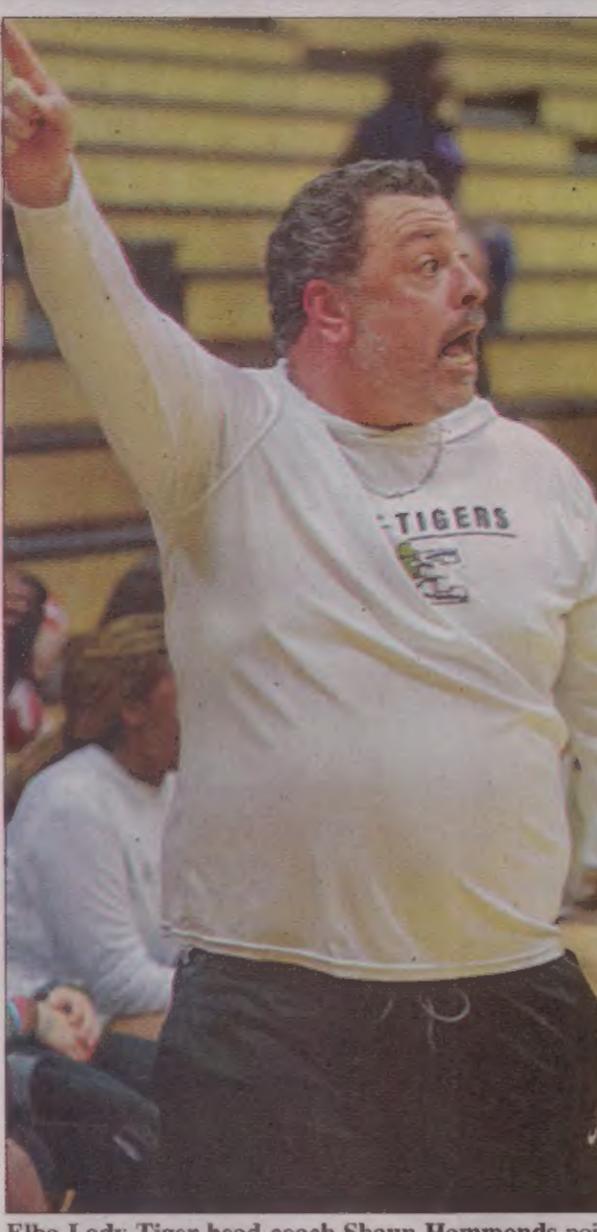
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Elba Lady Tiger sophomore Ana Caldwell (4) dribbles upcourt and eyes the defense in recent basketball action.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

Elba Lady Tiger head coach Shaun Hammonds points to the scoreboard to get his players attention in sub-region play.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

In sub-region action

Lady Tigers pound Panthers 55-30

The Elba Lady Tigers continued their post-season surge last Monday night with an exciting 55-30 sub-region win over the Georgiana Lady Panthers, at the Elba High gym.

Elba came out ready to play and behind the scoring of Yada Caldwell and A'lyric Whitfield jumped out to an early 6-0 lead, and the Lady Tigers never backed down on either end of the court as they carried a big 12-2 lead into the second quarter. Elba remained in command early in the stanza and owned a 19-9 lead with 4:06 left in the half after a Whitfield basket. However, the Lady Panthers staged a rally in the closing minutes and when the teams went in at intermission the Lady Tigers lead had been cut to 23-18.

A'lyric Whitfield scored 26 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Lady Tigers were Tajah Purvis 9, Yada Caldwell 8, Ayrika Caldwell 4, Brooke Tinsley 2, Ana Caldwell 2, Ny'Asia McCollough 2 and Kendra Juarez 2. Lilli Bogan led Georgiana with 13 points.

Lady Tiger JV post one win in Ozark softball tournament

The Elba Lady Tigers opened their softball season last weekend at a junior varsity tournament in Ozark and posted one win in five games in the 10-team event.

The Lady Tigers opened tournament action Friday night with a 9-8 loss to Cottonwood. Elba owned an 8-1 lead in the second inning, but couldn't hold and lost the opener on a walk-off hit. Mary Brooklyn O'Neal had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's to lead the Lady Tigers, while Jadyne Caldwell added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; Zaniyah Mitchell added 1 hit and scored 1 run; and, Taylor Day scored 2 runs.

The Lady Tigers saw an early 5-2 lead slip away in a 7-6 loss to Carroll. Hillary Hudson had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead Elba, while Mary Brooklyn O'Neal added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Payton Parks scored 2 runs.

The Lady Tigers concluded pool play with



Elba Lady Tiger Kendra Juarez (25) gets ready to head to the basket in last week's sub-region win over Georgiana.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

Wilson ties for medalist

Tiger golfers open season with 3rd place finish in 15-team event

The Elba Tiger golfers opened their season last week with a third place finish in a 15-team event over Pike Liberal Arts. Elba had a team score of 342.

Other teams in the event were Enterprise JV Blue, Andalusia, Rehobeth Blue, Providence Christian, Enterprise Junior, Wicksburg, Enterprise JV White, Rehobeth White, Pleasant Home, Samson and Geneva.

Elba's Jay Wilson fired a 75 to share medalist honors in the 18-hole event, which was won by Opp, which fired a team score of 335 and won in a tie-breaker.

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Zion Chapel Rebel Gunner Jacobs (22) prepares to pitch in recent JV baseball action.

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Kinston Lady Bulldogs pose with runner-up plaque after posting a 4-2 record in last week's junior varsity softball tournament, in Ozark. The Lady Bulldogs lost in the finals after playing three straight games in the ten team tournament.

** Baseball ** Softball **

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Statistics by GameChanger

VARSITY BASEBALL:

Houston Academy 19 New Brockton 3

The New Brockton Gamecocks carried a 3-1 lead into the fifth inning, but saw the wheels fall off the wagon and needed seven pitchers to reach the finish line in a 19-3 season opening loss to the Houston Academy Raiders. Colton McCleny had two hits and scored one run to lead the Gamecocks at the plate, while Gabe Herrington had one hit and scored one run, Riley Simmons had one hit and one rbi, and Hayden Pope and Dawson Peacock both added one hit.

Charles Henderson 9 Kinston 0

The Kinston Bulldogs managed only one hit and committed six errors in a 9-0 season opening loss to Charles Henderson. Cale Sumblin had the only Bulldog hit in the loss, while Owen Patterson, Tripp Hawthorne and CJ Lunsford all reached on walks.

JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL:

New Brockton 4 Zion Chapel 2

The New Brockton Gamecocks used a 3-run third inning to grab the lead and held on late to open the season with a 4-2 win over the Zion Chapel Rebels. Gavin Hand had two hits, including a double and scored one run to lead the Gamecocks, while Brody Collins added 1 hit and had 1 rbi, and Bryant Crumpler added a double. Jacob Fisher was the winning pitcher as he tossed three innings and allowed one hit and one earned run, while striking out eight. Dalton Holloway got the save as he pitched two innings and allowed one earned run, while striking out six. Zion Chapel was led at the plate by Brayden Benbow with one hit, one run scored and one rbi, while John Foster Hamm scored one run.

New Brockton 10 Highland Home 7

The New Brockton Gamecocks jumped out to an 8-0 lead and held on to defeat Highland Home 10-7. Josh LaCross had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's to lead the Gamecocks, while William Adkison added 1 hit and 2 rbi's, Landin Norris added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and James Wood added 1 hit.

Pike Liberal Arts 7 New Brockton 6

The New Brockton Gamecocks rallied from an early 5-2 deficit to grab a 6-5 fourth inning lead, but couldn't hold on late in a 7-6 loss to Pike Liberal Arts. Landin Norris had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead the Gamecocks, while Robert Boutwell added 2 hits and scored 1 run, Jacob Fisher added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, William Adkison added 1 hit and 2 rbi's.

New Brockton 13 Ariton 12

The New Brockton Gamecocks scored five runs in their final at-bat to outscore Ariton 13-12. Dawson Peacock had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's to lead the Gamecocks, while Josh LaCross added 1 hit and 3 rbi's, Landin Norris added 1 hit and scored 1 run, William Adkison added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Kylen Radcliffe and Jacob Fisher both scored 2 runs.

Pike Liberal Arts 4 New Brockton 1

The New Brockton Gamecocks fell behind early and never caught up in a 4-1 loss to Pike Liberal Arts. Gavin Hand scored 1 run to lead the Gamecocks, while Bryant Crumpler and Dalton Holloway both reached base on a walk.

Ariton 12 Zion Chapel 6

The Zion Chapel Rebels saw a 5-3 third inning lead slip

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away in a 12-6 loss to Ariton. John Foster Hamm had 1 hit and scored 2 runs to lead the Rebels, while Trent Elrod added 1 hit and 1 rbi, and Brody Sheets added 1 hit and scored 1 run.

JUNIOR VARSITY SOFTBALL:

Kinston 8 Dale County 7

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs jumped out to an early 7-0 lead in an 8-7 win over Dale County, in tourney action at Ozark. Camdyn Norris had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's to lead Kinston, while Sara Kate Danford added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; and Madisyn Jones added 1 hit and scored 2 runs.

Kinston 10 New Brockton 0

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs combined two hits with nine walks in a 10-0 win over New Brockton. Molly Kate Weeks had 2 hits to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Taylor McKinney scored 3 runs, and Camdyn Norris scored 2 runs and tossed a two-inning no-hitter with three strikeouts.

Pike Liberal Arts 4 Kinston 3

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs fell in their final at-bat in a 4-3 loss to Pike Liberal Arts. Sara Kate Danford had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead Kinston, while Taylor McKinney added 1 hit and had 2 rbi's.

Kinston 7 Headland 6

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs used a five-run second inning to grab the lead and held on to defeat Headland 7-6. Molly Kate Weeks had 1 hit and had 3 rbi's to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Camdyn Norris added 1 hit and 2 rbi's and Sara Kate Danford scored 2 runs.

Kinston 9 Northside Methodist 8

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs pulled ahead early and held on late to post an exciting 9-8 win over Northside Methodist. Madisyn Jones had 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi to lead Kinston, while Camdyn Norris added 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi; Taylor McKinney added 2 hits and scored 2 runs; Sara Kate Danford added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Molly Kate Weeks added 1 hit and had 2 rbi's.

Pike Liberal Arts 10 Kinston 0

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs were forced to settle for the runner-up trophy in the 10-team Ozark tournament as they ran out of gas in their third straight game in a 10-0 championship game loss to Pike Liberal Arts. Madisyn Jones was Kinston's only base runner in the loss as she was hit by a pitch.

Brantley 11 Luverne 1

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs led all the way in an 11-1 win over Luverne. Marley Kilcrease had 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi to lead Brantley, while Aariyah Stamps added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Alex Grimes added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Adalida Latham added 1 hit and scored 2 runs; and, Lydia Sowell added 1 hit and 1 rbi.

Brantley 2 G.W. Long 1

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs used a two-run fourth inning to grab the lead and held on to defeat G.W. Long 2-1. Alex Grimes had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead Brantley, while Anna Free added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; and, Lydia Sowell and Summer Simmons both added 1 hit.

Brantley 8 Geneva 5

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs completed the tourney sweep with an 8-5 win over Geneva. No individual stats were available.

Dale County 8 New Brockton 7

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks saw an early 7-1 lead vanish in an 8-7 loss to Dale County. Ariana Smith had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Gabby Eubanks added 1 hit and scored 2 runs, Ally Zorn added 1 hit and 1 rbi, and Reese Danford added 1 hit and scored 1 run.

Pike Liberal Arts 12 New Brockton 1

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks saw an early 1-0 lead slip away in a 12-1 loss to Pike Liberal Arts. Gabby Eubanks, Reese Danford and Ariana Smith all drew a base on balls in the loss, as New Brockton failed to get a hit.

Cottonwood 12 New Brockton 0

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks never found their way to the plate in a 12-0 loss to Cottonwood. Ariana Smith, Ella McPhail and Brooklyn Downing all had 1 hit to lead New Brockton.